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City Police observe Crime Prevention Month

Beat citizens trained for crime reporting

Police urge community participation for safer neighbourhoods

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (RK&BCT)- In observance of Crime Prevention Month, the Mysuru City Police have initiated the activation of the community policing system, emphasising a citizen-centric approach to law enforcement.

As part of this initiative, training and orientation programmes are being conducted for "Beat Citizen Committee Members." These residents, residing within specific beat areas, are trained to maintain regular contact with beat Police officers. Their role includes passing on crucial information about incidents, criminal activities, suspicious movements and potential communal situations that may arise.

Lashkar Police Inspector Prasad addressing the Beat Citizen Committee Members at Kannika Parameshwari Temple Hall this morning as ASI Doddaiah looks on.

A training session took place this morning at Kannika Parameshwari Temple Hall in Lashkar Police Station limits, where over 80 Beat Citizen Committee Members were sensitised on effective communication with beat Police and jurisdictional senior officers. Each Police Station in Mysuru city has over 100 Beat Citizen Committee Members, each issued an identity card. The Lashkar Police Station has 180 members.

Addressing the gathering, Lashkar Police Inspector Prasad emphasised the importance of the beat system in policing. The objective of such meetings is to bridge the trust deficit between the Police and the public, promoting people-friendly policing by involving the community in the beat system.

The Beat Citizen Committee Members serve as a vital source of quick and accurate information for the Police, enhancing accessibility between law enforcement and the public.

Issues affecting the community, such as drunkenness, gambling, street fights, eve-teasing, and loitering, can be reported to the beat Police. The goal is to implement community policing, a necessity in modern-day policing, fostering public support in handling law and order problems and communal situations.

With increased public participation, law enforcement gains grassroots-level information and intelligence, making policing more proactive. The information collected ranges from criminal activities in public places to details about burglaries and potential threats to vulnerable citizens.

Beat Police are tasked with compiling lists of citizens above 65 years living alone, prepared with the cooperation of local community and Beat Citizen Committee Members.

A designated Police officer or community Police volunteer is assigned to visit these residents weekly to inquire about their welfare and offer assistance as needed. Lashkar Sub-Inspector Anil Kumar and ASI Doddaiah were present on the occasion.

Kerala contractor's robbery case

Police seize gold sold to a jewel store on Ashoka Road

Kodagu Police teams up with Mysuru Police to probe smuggling links; past robbery cases under scanner

Madikeri / Mysuru, Dec. 12 (Akshay & BCT)- The Kodagu District Police have seized the gold that was sold to a jewellery shop on Ashoka Road in Mysuru in the case where a gang had waylaid a contractor from Kerala and had robbed Rs. 50 lakh after kidnapping him and his friend.

The crime occurred last Friday at Devarapura village near Gonikoppa town in Ponnampet Taluk. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, Kodagu Superintendent of Police K. Ramarajan confirmed that based on the statements from the victims, Police teams visited the jewellery shop on Ashoka Road and made the seizure. The gold is 99.99 percent pure (24 carat), the SP said.

The Kerala-based contractor, K. Shamjad from Kodakkad, Tirurangadi taluk, Malappuram district, and his friend, Afnu, a student from Adarur Panchayat limits, Kozhikode, were kidnapped by the gang at Devarapura. They were later abandoned and the perpetrators fled from the scene after looting Rs. 50 lakh.

After selling the jewellery in Mysuru on Dec. 8, Shamjad and Afnu were returning to Kerala when they encountered a broken-down lorry near Devarapura at 3 am. Three cars appeared, and a gang of 10 to 15 people demanded money, assaulting and kidnapping them when they claimed not to have cash.

(See POLICE on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 12th December 2023

Junior Science-cum-Astronomy Lab inaugurated at PM Shri School JNV

Mysuru, Dec. 12- Junior Science-cum-Astronomy Lab at PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) - Mysuru was inaugurated on Nov. 30, sponsored by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL), Mysuru, with a fund of around Rs. 39 lakh.

Harsh Kumar Manral, Senior General Manager, BRBNMPL, unveiled the lab in the presence of distinguished guests, including Pramod Kumar (General Manager, BRBNMPL), Manjunath (Civil Engineer, BRBNMPL) and the Engineers from the Construction Agency, Mysuru, Nirmithi Kendra, Mysuru.

During the inauguration, dignitaries expressed satisfaction with the lab facilities and witnessed student demonstrations, appreciating the instruments and items displayed.

J. Madhusoodanan, Principal, JNV Mysuru, expressed gratitude to BRBNMPL for their benevolent contribution, foreseeing a positive impact on students' experiential learning. He envisioned the labs as catalysts for future leaders in various fields.

Harsh Kumar Manral commended the commitment of the Principal and expressed hope for the labs to become active knowledge hubs. The sponsors also hoped genuine utility of the labs by the students and teachers of JNV.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

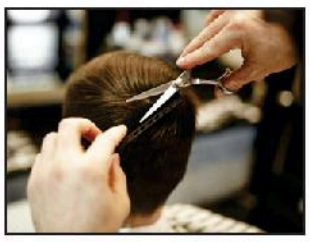
Reversals in the three Hindi-belt States have knocked the Congress off the high perch it occupied in the Opposition ranks after its victory in Karnataka. If the party wants I.N.D.I.A to work, the immediate task for it is to refocus on the collective objective of the bloc to give the BJP a united fight. The big challenge for the bloc is to come up with a clear ideological direction and approach the issue of seat-sharing strategically. Winning the three States has given the BJP a major psychological advantage, reinforced by Prime Minister Modi's talk of the inevitability of a third term for him at the Centre.

Parties opposed to the BJP will be able to work together and put up a fight only when the ordinary workers of those parties are able to overcome previous mutual animosities and work together for the alliance. The messaging for that will have to come from the very leaders of the alliance who are now seen to be in dissonance with each other. The relationship between the Congress and its I.N.D.I.A partners is the crucial element in the Opposition's scheme for the elections. The challenge for them is to clarify and steady it, and that has become harder now.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bald men in barbershop lead to drug bust



Genoa: Italian Police recently arrested a barber for drug dealing after noticing that many of the clients going into his shop were bald and beardless.

The Carabinieri (Italian Police) had received reports of drug dealing activity in Genoa's Foce area, but they didn't really have any strong leads. An investigative unit was charged with gathering more information and setting up surveillance teams to spot any unusual activity. It was one of these teams that reported high number of bald, beardless men visiting a small barber shop.

First, the Carabinieri raided the 55-year-old's house where several grams of hashish were found, and then his barbershop, where, hidden in a mezzanine, 100 grams of cocaine, four precision scales, and materials for drug packaging were found.

Lost tomato found aboard Space Station

New York: Members of an International Space Station crew said astronaut Frank Rubio has now been cleared of allegations he ate one of the first tomatos harvested in space.

NASA astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli said during a live streamed event celebrating the 25th anniversary of the station that the remains of the tiny tomato had been found eight months after being misplaced by Rubio.

Rubio, who returned to Earth in September, had been the target of joking accusations for months that he had eaten the space-grown fruit.

"I spent so many hours looking for that thing. I'm sure the desiccated tomato will show up at some point and vindicate me, years in the future, " Rubio said.

The astronauts did not reveal where the tomato was found or what its condition was, but Rubio had earlier predicted it would be in a state of advanced decay.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Wins first place in State-level Taekwondo Competition

Thanmayi, a I PUC student of Daksha College, Hootagalli, Mysuru, who has bagged first prize in the State-level Taekwondo Competition held in Tumakuru and got selected for the National Team, was honoured by College Chairman Jayachandra Raju. She is groomed by Physical Director Shashi Kumar.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Today's level **96.41 feet**	Today's level **2,273.89 feet**	Today's level **2834.39 feet**
Last year's level **119.52 feet**	Last year's level **2,271.31 feet**	Last year's level **2,859.00 feet**
Yesterday's level **96.34 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.93 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.30 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,258 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **119 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **183 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **572 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **50 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Wild dogs can sprint after prey at speeds of up to 44 miles an hour.*
- *African wild dogs differ from domestic dogs: They only have four toes per foot.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

One day Mullah Nasruddin entered his favourite tea-house and declared, "The moon is more useful than the sun." An old man asked, "Why?" Mullah Nasruddin replied, "Because we need the light more during the night than during the day!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.82
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.70
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.76

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray dog menace in Vijayanagar 4th Stage

Sir,

We the residents of Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, are facing the menace of stray dogs day in and day out on the main road. They are in large numbers and have started attacking the passersby also. They run towards motorbikes which leads to many accidents in the area.

People have lost their sleep as dogs bark the whole night. This has become a nuisance for those who come home after 2nd shift and go for night shifts.

We request the MCC Commissioner to take necessary action to shift these stray dogs and ensure a safer and more comfortable living environment for all tax-paying residents.

—R.D. Naveen Kumar
Vijayanagar 4th Stage
9.12.2023

Kala Sambhrama - District Culturals held in city

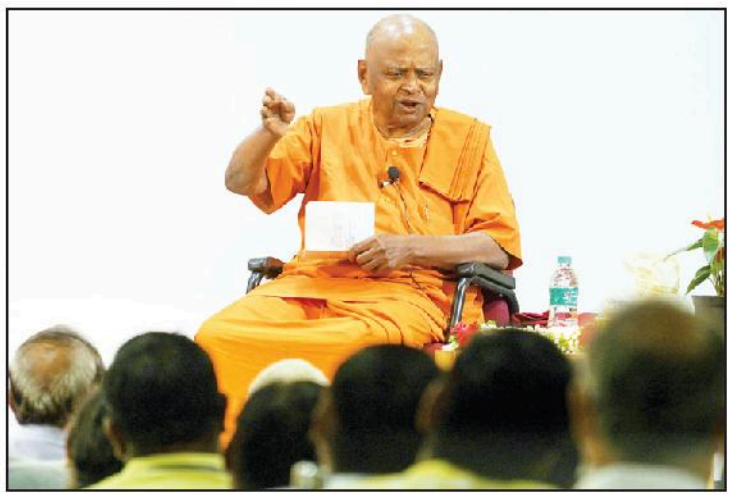
Mysuru, Dec. 12- Rotaract Mysore and Rotaract Mysore Midtown hosted Kala Sambhrama - District Culturals, an annual event at Rotary West Hall in city recently to encourage talent among Rotaractors.

The event was inaugurated by the District Secretary for Rotaract and Interact Rtn. Ananthraje Urs, Mysore Harish Pandav (saxophone artiste), DRR Rahul Acharya, District Cultural Chair Shree Raksha, Rtr. Prajwal (President, Rotaract Mysore), and Rtr. S.K. Vijaya Pramodini (President, Rotaract Midtown).

There were over 200 participants from the 4 zones of RI District 3181, in the event, supported by Rotary Mysore and Rotary Mysore Midtown. Dance, singing and mime were all part of the grand extravaganza, according to Rtn. Arun Belawadi, President, Rotary Mysore.

Natl. Workshop on Youth Empowerment held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Swami Atmavidananda highlights importance of Gurus in youth character development



Mysuru, Dec. 12- "Empowerment entails influencing the behaviour and character of an individual. Empowering the youth involves steering the minds of today's young generation onto the right path, thereby fostering the development of their character and personality," said Swami Atmavidanandaji, a senior monk at Ramakrishna Ashram, Bengaluru, emphasising the pivotal role of a mentor in this process of character building.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 6th National Workshop on Empowerment of Youth (NWEY) 2023, organised by Vivekananda Janoththana Trust in collaboration with Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus recently.

He said, even today, people fondly remember Swami Vivekananda and regard him as a role model. The basis for this admiration lies in Swami Vivekananda's profound personality, rooted in immense knowledge. The perpetual wakefulness of this country is sustained by the enduring roots of knowledge.

Speaking about Vivekananda and India's heritage, he said it is acknowledged that the rich knowledge legacy has the potential to elevate India to the status of a world guru. The ancient Universities in our country served as centres for this type of knowledge. However, the current education system is experiencing a deficiency in this regard. He put forth his ideas, suggesting that for the nation to progress significantly, it is essential to impart the highest quality knowledge rooted in our culture to today's students.

Illuminating the current education system, Swami Atmavidananda expressed the view that only profound knowledge has the ability to shape a great personality. While subject-specific knowledge may contribute to success in a particular field, comprehensive transformation and progress of the country rely on knowledge serving as the catalyst for change.

The workshop featured talks by notable speakers, including Br. Atmaniratamrita Chaitanya, National Coordinator, AYUDH, Mata Amritanandamayi Math; Prof. S. Yashonath, former Head of Department, SSCU, IISc, Bengaluru; M.R. Ananta Kumar, Founder, Divya Deepa Charitable Trust, Mysuru; Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore; Dr. B. Soumya, Amrita Kripa Hospital, Mysuru; Nityananda Viveka Vamshi, Viveka Vidya Vahini Trust, Mysuru; Dr. Sriram Vajapeyam, Bengaluru; Dr. (Flt. Lt.) M.A. Balasubrahmanya, Advisor, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysuru; Swami Ishtanathananda, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE), Mysuru; Br. Chandrashekhar, Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh; and Swami Mahamedhananda, Correspondent, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE).

Additionally, panel discussions were organised on the topics of "Vivekananda, Youth, Role Models, Action Orientation: How to Succeed?" and "Actionising Vedanta: Vivekananda's Call to the Youth!"

Dr. T.S. Mohan, Managing Trustee, Vivekananda Janoththana Trust; Br. Anantaanandа Chaithanya, Director, Mysuru Campus; Br. Muktidamrta Chaithanya, Correspondent, Mysuru Campus; Prof. Shekar Babu, Associate Dean; Prof. G. Ravindranath, Principal, Amrita Mysuru and others were present.

75th anniversary celebration of NCC Day and Alumni Meet held

Mysuru, Dec. 12- The ex-Cadets of 4 Kar Air Sqn had organised 75th anniversary of NCC Day and Annual Reunion at The Quorum Hotel in city recently.

The event was inaugurated by CO of 4 Kar Air Sqn Wg. Cdr. Asish. Other dignitaries included Ex-CO Gp. Capt. Abhinav Chaturvedi and Retd AMI Nagaraju.

DDG of NCC Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar addressed via video-conferencing to wish the gathering on the 75th anniversary of NCC Day.

Ex-Cadets of the Air Squadron had gathered in large numbers and were joined by the current cadets of the unit in celebrating the occasion. Following the inauguration, a felicitation was organised for all achievers who brought laurels to the Air Squadron at various State and National-level camps.

Addressing the gathering, Wg. Cdr. Asish listed out various achievements of the unit in the past year. The unit bagged the award for Best Static Aeromodelling at the recently held All India Vayu Sainik Camp.

The audience was treated to a spell-binding cultural show by the cadets and the alumni.

Distinguished members of the alumni comprising members who have passed out of the unit from nearly 5 decades ago were part of the meet. Uma Venkatesh, Founder and Convener of the Alumni, re-affirmed the support and guidance for the cadets in their endeavours.

The alumni included some serving and retired defence personnel along with industry leaders, entrepreneurs, media personalities and doctors among many others.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Day celebrations

Rotary West School, Kanankadasanagar (Dattagalli), has organised its 15th Annual Day at Kalamandira in city on Dec. 13 at 4.30 pm. Retired Mysore University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. K.S. Rangappa will preside. Senior Journalist Ravindra Joshi will be present. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2460881.

Medical Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadri-pura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, is conducting a Medical Camp on 'Refractive Error' (Eye Care Camp for children) from Dec. 12 to 19 from 9 am to 4.30 pm. Refractive Error like Myopia, Hypermetropia & Astigmatism etc., will be screened and treated by our expert doctors. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 94485-84801.

Skill Training

International Human Development and Upliftment Academy (IHDUA), Mysuru, has organised skill-based training in Aari work, Basic Computer, Spoken English and General Duty-cum-Home Nursing Care Assistant Training Programme. Those with a qualification of SSLC (Pass/Fail) or Higher Education & aged between 18 and 35 years (both male & female) can register. For details, contact K.M. Prabhushankar of IHDUA on Mob: 87628-50960.

Industry & Culture Conference

'HR Dasara 2023 - An insight into Mysuru Industrial Prosperity,' a one-day Industry & Culture Conference has been organised at SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM IMD), Chamundi Hill Road, Mysuru, on Dec. 15 at 9.30 am, by Mysore HR Forum and Edin Bridge Foundation, Mysuru, in association with SDM IMD, Mysuru & Rotary Mysore. For details, contact Mob: 70220-36998 or 99640-05854.

Elderly woman goes missing

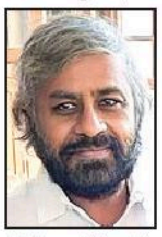
Mysuru, Dec. 12- An elderly woman has gone missing since Dec. 9 early morning.

The missing woman is 75-year-old Nagamma, according to a complaint lodged with Metagalli Police by one Suresh.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Ph: 0821-2418339 or 2418315 or 2418115.

Managing human-elephant conflict

328-km railway barricades yet to be laid, says Khandre



Eshwar Khandre

Belagavi, Dec. 12 (KMS&KS)- At the ongoing Legislature Session in Belagavi, Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre revealed that the installation of railway barricades, costing Rs. 200 crore, is underway to prevent man-elephant conflicts.

Responding to a query during the Question Hour by K. Harish Kumar, the Minister stated that 640-km of railway barricades are being installed, with 312-km already completed.

Khandre said that 40 people have died in elephant attacks in Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Chikkamagalur and Hassan districts. 18 people have died in such attacks in Kodagu since 2020. 14 people have died in Hassan since 2020, 5 in Chikkamagalur since 2021 and 3 in Dakshina Kannada in 2022-23.

Addressing the issue of compensation for crop damage by elephants, Minister Khandre noted that 90 percent of cases have been compensated. He assured that additional compensation would be provided in case of loss of life. Warning boards about the presence of wild elephants have been installed along National Highways passing close to forests in the State.

To address the elephant menace, the Minister mentioned the formation of Elephant Task Forces in districts like Hassan, Kodagu, Chikkamagalur, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar. Lakes are also being constructed in Reserve Forests to increase water availability within forest areas, preventing wild elephants and other animals from venturing out in search of water.

Lantana growth

BJP MLC Tejaswini Gowda said that around 40 percent of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve area is now covered with weeds. It is approximately 30 percent in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and about 20 percent at Bannerghatta National Park.

In his reply, the Minister informed that lantana, sennaspectabilis, chromolaenaodorata, mikaniamicrantha and parthenium are the major weeds in the reserve forest. In those areas, where density of lantana, mikaniamicrantha and sennaspectabilis are high, wild animal's movement are affected, he informed.

He emphasised efforts to control the overgrowth of weeds, hindering grass growth, the main fodder source for herbivores. Initiatives include removing lantana and eupatorium in areas where grass is grown, installing solar fences, digging elephant trenches and implementing railway barricades to prevent elephants from leaving forests.

Teams have been formed to drive wild elephants back into forests and an information centre operates round the clock to collect data about wild elephants. The Minister highlighted the radio collaring of senior female elephants for tracking and information dissemination through SMS and WhatsApp.

Identifying and relocating rogue elephants is also part of the strategy, accompanied by public awareness campaigns through organised meetings in areas facing heightened elephant menace.

Man brutally assaulted with lethal weapons

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (RK&KS)- In a shocking incident, a man, who was sipping tea at a tea stall on Bidaram Krishnappa Road, behind Ambedkar Bhavan in Devaraja Mohalla, was allegedly assaulted by a gang with lethal weapons this noon. The gang fled soon after committing the crime.

It is learnt that the man, whose identity is yet to be known, was sipping tea at the tea stall at about 12 noon, when a gang of eight persons, who came in an Innova vehicle, brutally attacked the man with machetes and other lethal weapons before fleeing leaving the severely bleeding man at the spot.

The profusely bleeding person was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where he is being treated. Devaraja Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and visited K.R. Hospital to collect information from the injured.

Devaraja Police were collecting footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity of the crime spot to identify the vehicle in which the gang had come to commit the crime, when we went to the Press.

Gold chains robbed at Hunsur, K.R. Nagar Bus Stands

Hunsur/ K.R. Nagar, Dec. 12- In separate incidents, miscreants have robbed gold ornaments from two women, while they were boarding bus at Hunsur and K.R. Nagar KSRTC Bus Stands.

In the first case, 72-year-old Shivamma was robbed of her 35-gram gold chain while she was boarding a bus to Mysuru at Hunsur KSRTC Bus Stand on Dec. 10 evening.

A resident of Pillahalli village, Varuna hobli in Mysuru taluk, Shivamma had come to Hunsur to attend a wedding at Valmiki Bhavan. After participating in the wedding ceremony, Shivamma went to the KSRTC Bus Stand in the town at about 5.30 pm and was boarding a bus to Mysuru, when a miscreant robbed the gold chain she was wearing.

A case has been registered at Hunsur Town Police Station.

In the second incident, 31-year-old Sudha of Hassan, who had come to her parents' house at Lalamdevanahalli village in K.R. Nagar taluk, was boarding a bus at the KSRTC Bus Stand in K.R. Nagar to go to Hassan, during which a miscreant made away with her 50-gram gold ornaments which were kept in her vanity bag.

A case has been registered at K.R. Nagar Police Station.

Truck damaged after hitting road divider

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (RK&KS)- A potato-laden truck was severely damaged after it hit and climbed a road divider on the Outer Ring Road near IPS Layout here this morning.

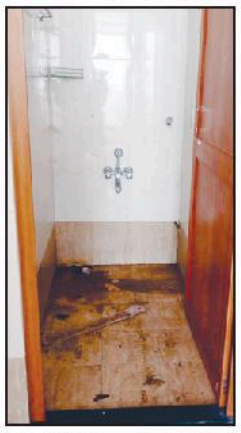
It is learnt that the truck (RJ-11-GB-0579), carrying potato sacks, was proceeding on the Ring Road towards Bandipalya from Sathagalli side when the driver lost control of the vehicle which hit the road divider, separating the main road from the service road and climbed atop the concrete slabs breaking it in the process.

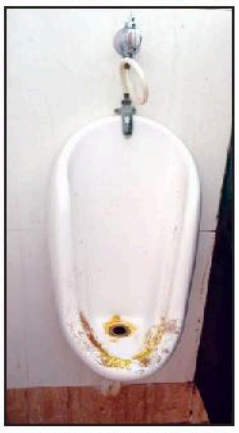
Both the front wheels of the truck got detached and the truck tilted spilling potato sacks on the road. Public and passersby helped the truck driver gather the sacks.

Luckily, no injury or loss of life took place and no case has been registered.

Cleanliness
a mirage at the new DC Office building

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (SBD & BS)- The District-level Office Complex (new DC Office building) on Mysuru - T. Narasipur Road at Siddarthanagar in city is in news for wrong reasons, as the unkempt multi-storey building reeks of unhygienic environs, within six months of becoming fully functional.





A part of the gigantic building that remains unused has turned into a hub of roosting pigeons that have made the gaps of the huge pillars their home, with their droppings on the walls and floor of the corridors and feathers making for unhygienic environment. Apart from being dusty, the corners of the corridors are dumped with wastes such as cardboards, thermocol and paper pieces, along with almirahs, broken chairs and old furniture.

The men's toilet emits stench with those moving nearby closing their nostrils to escape from tepid smell hitting their senses. The urinals and commodes lack total maintenance, so also wash basins, doors and taps, rendering them unfit for use. The visitors are forced to answer nature's call in the backside of the District Office Complex openly.

Senior citizens, the sick and disabled persons find it difficult to climb the stairs. Hence lift service is commonly provided in such multi-storey buildings. However, the lift here, though looks swanky, remains 'Out of Service' with a board hanged in English, but there is no clue of the time since when it is in repair. It is clearly evident that, the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye towards taking safety measures. The Electricity Maintenance Room near the District Urban Development Cell of Urban Development Department has a weak door, but a 'Danger' board has been put up, as a warning to people.

Over 70 rooms at the building are in use, including that of the chambers of District Minister, DC, Additional DC and Assistant Commissioner (AC) Courts, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, District Registrar, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Land Survey and several other Departments. But still, there are several rooms left to be used.

Daily, there are several visitors from various parts of the district and even the Officers from several Departments who turn up for the meetings.

Farmer leaders, women activists, environmentalists and several such representatives of various organisations visit the new District Office Complex to meet the Deputy Commissioner and also there are drivers of various Department Officers. They deserve at least minimum basic infrastructural facilities.

When Siddharamaiah was the CM in his previous term from 2013 to 2018, the works on constructing this building began in 2016 and was completed on a fast pace, facilitating its formal opening at the hands of Siddharamaiah in March 2018. But still, it remained vacant with no District-level offices shifting here. While some of the Departments gradually shifted here, DC Office continued to function at the old DC Office building near Government Maharani's College.

When Siddharamaiah returned as the CM for the second term recently, the Officers woke up to a subtle warning of the CM and the DC Office was shifted to the new building on June 8, 2023.

But when it comes to maintenance of the new building, the DC has to pull up his socks to ensure that it sports a clean look for real, with every nook and corner remaining tidy, greeting the visitors with a healthy look.

Of honeybees & Health Dept.

Several honeybees were found dead occupying the whole of Room No. 213 in the second floor. The Office of the Health and Family Welfare Department that was earlier functioning in this room has been now shifted to Room Numbers 224, 226 and 227 in the same floor. Two senior citizens, who were searching for Health Department, were heard speaking about the medicines used to spray causing the deaths of bees.

The Health Department may have shifted to escape from the menace of honeybees and roosting pigeons, but, there are many such honeycombs and nobody has complained about the bees troubling them.

Ours is the real JD(S), claim expelled leaders

Bengaluru, Dec. 12- Hitting back at JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda for having ousted them from the party, expelled JD(S) leaders on Monday claimed that they are the real JD(S), with C.K. Nanu of Kerala as the National President of the party.

The rebel faction of the JD(S), led by former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim held a National Executive meeting at Kadugondanahalli in Bengaluru on Monday, during which C.K. Nanu, Kerala JD(S) Chief was named as the National President.

Telangana JD(S) Unit chief Soori declared that Nanu was unanimously elected as the new party National President.

Ibrahim who addressed the meeting, said Nanu was elected unanimously as the new National President of JD(S). He has been selected as per the resolution passed by the party' s National Executive, he added.

Nanu, in his address, said "in the past, we were along with H.D. Deve Gowda. But now Deve Gowda has expelled me. The party stands on Gandhian principles of secularism. I would like to ask the former PM whether it is correct to go along with the party that is opposed to secularism" and that he would strongly condemn Deve Gowda's action of going with BJP.

Canara Bank distributes umbrellas to street vendors

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (RK&DM)- Canara Bank, one of the top public sector banks in the country, distributed umbrellas to street vendors doing business around K.R. Circle in the heart of the city on Saturday.

The Bank officials distributed more than a hundred umbrellas that had the logo of the Bank, under the Government's social security scheme. The street vendors were apprised on the facilities they can get through the Bank and the Bank's other customer-friendly initiatives.

The Bank's Assistant General Manager S. Rajashekar, Regional Manager K. Gopal, Avinash Pandey, M.P. Nandan and Sandeep Singhvi, Chief Managers Anitha Kumar Mishra, Sushanth Chaudhury and others were present.

DC warns against banners, flex during LS polls

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (BLU & TRR)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has warned political parties of initiating action as per rules, if they display banners and flexes in public places during the Lok Sabha elections to be held next year.

The DC was speaking after chairing a meeting with the representatives of different political parties and officials regarding the rate list of election expenses ahead of the Lok Sabha elections at his office, recently.

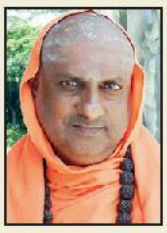
"Rate list of Lok Sabha election expenses have been given to the political parties. Any objections must be filed in a written form. Posters and stickers cannot pasted on walls during elections," said Dr. Rajendra.

Stating that a special campaign is being done to include the names to voters list, the DC advised officials to create awareness among public in this regard. He also directed the officials to ensure that tribal communities like Jenu Kuruba, Kadu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba and others are not excluded from voters list as the district has a bigger number of tribal hamlets.

Directing the officials to visit all colleges in the district to enroll all those who have completed 18 years of age in the voters list, Dr. Rajendra asked Social Welfare Department Deputy Director to issue EPIC cards to all eligible transgenders and sex workers and seek the help of NGOs in this connection.

Additional Chief Election Commissioner M. Kurma Rao, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and reps of political parties attended.

'Let Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji statue be unveiled in your presence'



Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji had written to royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar on July 28, 2022

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (RK&BCT)- Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji had written to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Member of Mysore royal family on July 28, 2022 expressing a wish that she will be present during the inauguration of the statue of late Suttur Seer Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at Gun House Circle, situated near the South Gate of the Mysore Palace.

"I wish you will consent to be present at the inauguration of the late Seer's statue. The issue you had proposed on Sept. 1, 2017 was conveyed to me by Palace Secretary M. Lakshminarayan at Suttur Srikshetra. I had discussed with him and had asked him to convey the details to you along with a letter," the Suttur Seer mentioned in the letter sent on July 28, 2022.

Further, the letter states, "You are aware of the contributions of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji in the field of education, religion, spiritual, social and cultural fields. When he attained 'Lingaikya' the Mysuru City Corporation, in 1988, named the Gun House Circle as 'Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle' and had even put a sign board indicating the same."

Dr. Sri Rajendra Swamiji

"After some years, senior students of the institution, devotees and the public suggested that the statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji must be ideally placed in the Circle and accordingly, a proposal was sent to the State Government and it was approved on Mar. 3, 2017. However, the works were temporarily stalled following the directives of the Court," Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji stated.

He further said, "An application was filed in the Court to facilitate the installation of the statue and the Court had directed that the statue could be established if it does not obstruct smooth traffic flow. Maharaja Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji shared a close relationship and you are aware of this. The statue of Dr. Rajendra Swamiji will further symbolise and make their special affinity permanent. I wish you will consent to be present during the unveiling of the statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji," the letter stated.

It may be recalled here that Pramoda Devi had objected to the installation of the statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji at Gun House Circle.

Opposing statue installation is not justified: Former Mayor

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (GA&BCT)- Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa expressed support for the installation of the late Suttur Seer Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's statue at Gun House Circle, asserting that opposing it is not justified.

Bhyrappa

During a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, Bhyrappa highlighted that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had legally named Gun House Circle as 'Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle' on Oct. 19, 1988, respecting the sentiments of Suttur Mutt devotees.

"In 2017, responding to devotees' demand, the statue proposal was submitted to the MCC, and the civic body approved it. As the Mayor then, we followed the due legal process. The District-level Committee, chaired by the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and comprising other officials, permitted the installation of Sri Rajendra Swamiji's statue at Gun House Circle, in accordance with High Court directives," he explained.

The Committee, including the City Police Commissioner, MCC Commissioner, Additional DC, Mysuru Urban Development Authority Commissioner, PWD Executive Engineer, Project Director, Town Planning Authority, and Mysuru Tahsildar, concluded that the Circle existed before Sept. 29, 2009, and was not newly constructed. They also determined that the statue would not encroach upon public space, emphasising that its installation complies with all High Court and Supreme Court orders.

He said the statue of Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar could be placed at Maharani's College Circle or at the Circle near MCC.

Representatives from various organisations, including Siddalingappa, Venkatesh, Vasu and Lokesh, were present at press meet.

Fashionavya Expo begins

The 4th Edition of Fashionavya Exhibition presented by India's leading award-winning exhibition company FASHIONISTA began at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning. The guests seen during the inauguration are Namrata Shenoy, Founder-Trustee of Diya Foundation; Junoo Ahluwalia, Home-maker; Suma Krishna, Director of Sukruti Infotech; Rati Vikram, Culinary Entrepreneur and Pallavi Adarsh, Director, A. Shankara Chetty & Sons. Actor Pawan Shankar is the MD of Fashionista. The expo will be open to visitors from 11 am to 9 pm today and tomorrow.

Bomb threat to Bengaluru Raj Bhavan a hoax: Police

Bengaluru, Dec. 12 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Governor's residence on Monday night came under the radar of officials after an anonymous call threatening that there was a bomb planted inside. However, after extensive searches, cops concluded that the call was most likely a hoax.

In a similar incident recently, as many as 48 schools in Bengaluru received threatening e-mails indicating that bombs had been planted on their premises, which led to a panic situation amongst authorities, students, parents and staff. However, all of the messages were a hoax, Police said.

The phone call came late on Monday night to the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) control room and claimed that the bomb at Raj Bhavan could go off at any time, putting authorities in a tizzy. The Bengaluru Police was immediately alerted and sent to the spot.

Police combed through the Governor's official residence but found nothing suspicious. Officers have ascertained that the call was made from North Karnataka's Bidar district, which shares a border with neighbouring State Maharashtra. However, efforts are on to trace the culprit.

Shekhar H. Tekkannavar, Bengaluru's Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for the West division, told reporters, "The NIA control room received an anonymous call in the midnight following which the Bengaluru Police was alerted. After the intense search nothing was found. We are investigating the matter. So far no one has been arrested."

According to reports, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot was in Belagavi at the time and not in any danger.

"Investigations revealed that the call was made from Bidar. After the call, the phone was switched off. Police are trying to trace the caller," an official from the Raj Bhavan said.

Former HC Judge N.K. Patil passes away

Bengaluru, Dec.12- Former Karnataka High Court Judge Naganath Kanteppa Patil (N.K. Patil), who was known for his simplicity and humbleness, passed away at a Private Hospital at Hyderabad on Monday following brief illness. He was 70 and is survived by his wife and two sons.

N.K. Patil

Born at Nideban village in Bhalki taluk of Bidar district on May 2, 1954, Justice (Retd.) N.K. Patil, who studied Law at Bengaluru's Renukacharya Law College, was appointed as a Karnataka HC Judge on Dec.11, 2000. Earlier, he had served as an advocate in different Lower-level Courts for over 18 years.

His son Nishant Patil is currently serving as the Karnataka High Court's Additional Advocate General in the Supreme Court.

Seven lakh tonne solid waste at Sewage Farm

Fresh momentum to clear

waste as tender process resumes

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (SPN & BCT)- The tender process has finally commenced for the clearance of over 7 lakh tonnes of legacy waste accumulated at the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) in Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru. The project, marred by numerous obstacles, has experienced prolonged delays.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff said that the project has been pending for years and the waste has been accumulated in one place from the last 30 years. "Tenders have been called for Rs. 59-crore clearance project and letter communication is on with the Urban Development Department. Very soon, a final shape will be given to the tenders," he said.

The accumulated waste has been causing significant distress to local residents, who are grappling with foul smell emanating from decaying garbage. The untreated waste has triggered widespread resentment among the community. The allocated budget for the clearance project is Rs. 60 crore, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Mission.

Residents from Vidyaranyapuram, J.P. Nagar, Kanakagiri, Gundu Rao Nagar, Vishweshwaranagar and surrounding areas are urging authorities to expedite the tender finalisation and clear the waste before the next monsoon. The monsoon exacerbates the situation, as the garbage at the plant emits an unbearable stench, further worsened by the direct dumping of animal carcasses from slaughterhouses.

Technical and financial tenders

Tenders up to Rs. 2 crore can receive approval at the

Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff

Deputy Commissioner's level, while divisional-level approval is mandatory for tenders up to Rs. 5 crore. Municipal Corporation officials clarified that, given the substantial value of Rs. 59 crore for this particular tender, the MCC has called for tenders covering both technical and financial aspects. The proposal is slated to be sent to the State Government for approval.

Approval for the project was initially granted by the previous BJP Government in April 2023, but the undertaking faced delays due to imposition of election model code of conduct. Subsequently, when the Congress Government assumed power, all decisions made by the BJP Government were temporarily put on hold.

In response to residents' demands for the early completion of the project before the upcoming monsoon, the MCC has reportedly gained fresh momentum. Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff affirmed that the technical tender has been completed and efforts are underway to finalise the financial tender, which will then be submitted to the Government for approval.

In accordance with the tender specifications, the waste clearance project outlines the segregation of metal, manure and plastic from the accumulated 7 lakh tonnes of waste. Given that plastic constitutes a significant portion of the waste, it is slated to be directed to cement factories employing plastic as fuel.

However, since Mysuru region lacks any cement factory within a radius of 300 to 400 kilometres, the plastic waste will be unavoidably dispatched to cement factories located in Kalyana Karnataka, as per official statements.

Process was completed by previous BJP Government

The entire process, including the initiation and completion of tenders for the clearance of 7 lakh tonnes of legacy waste from Vidyaranyapuram, was carried out by the previous BJP Government. Although the waste clearance procedure was expected to commence by now, another delay has occurred. Out of the total project cost of Rs. 59 crore, the Central Government, as part of Swachh Bharat Mission, is set to contribute Rs. 49 crore, with the State Government's share amounting to Rs. 10 crore. Former Ministers V. Somanna and S.T. Somashekar actively advocated for the waste clearance project and MP Pratap Simha successfully secured Central grants for the initiative. Efforts are on to make Krishnaraja a waste-free constituency in another five months."

— T.S. Srivatsa, MLA, Krishnaraja Constituency

Police seize gold

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The victims were later pushed out and the assailants fled with their car and Rs. 50 lakh. The car was found abandoned at Kolathodu village between Gonikoppa and Virajpet and the rear seat was found open as the dacoits searched for cash in secret compartments.

"The case is being investigated and we are coordinating with the Mysuru Police. All past such cases where Kerala-based traders, gold merchants and businessmen were robbed are being tracked. Also, we are in touch with the Mysuru Police teams that have cracked such cases in the past," the SP said.

"We are looking into the modus operandi and data is being collected on who might likely be involved, how they operate, planning and execution. We are confident to crack the case as early as possible," Ramarajan added.

No records / tax receipts for gold

The Police are also questioning victim Shamjad as to why was he carrying Rs. 50 lakh in his car late in the night. "The robbery victim does not have any records or documents for the gold including the tax-paid receipts. As such, the Income Tax Department and the Commercial Tax Department have been informed," the SP added.

According to highly reliable sources, gold-smuggling and sale racket has been going on for many years where gold is smuggled from Gulf countries. There is a wide network of goldsmiths to melt the yellow metal and forge it into bars to be sold illegally to gold traders in Mysuru and coastal districts of Karnataka, for years.

The contraband is taken to Mysuru from Kerala in two routes — one from Manandavadi, Kutta, Gonikoppa, Devarapura, Anechowkur and Hunsur and the other from Kannur, Virajpet, Gonikoppa, Devarapura, Anechowkur and Hunsur.

The carriers generally do not possess proper records of gold except having 'permit gold' which is a sort of unofficial proof that they possess the yellow metal. Tax-paid receipts and GST bills are usually missing.

Explaining the *modus operandi,* the sources, added that the yellow metal is first smuggled to Kerala from Gulf countries. Later, the traders there buy the melted contraband at a much cheaper rate compared to the prevailing market rate and sell it to jewellers in Karnataka for 10-20 percent profit.

As per rules, it is mandatory to have invoice for the sale and purchase of gold. The gold traders must also maintain a record of purchases and sales.

Apart from an elaborate gold-melting process, sources said that vehicles are designed with special compartments behind the rear seats, near the dashboard and under the armrest of the rear seat crafted to hide the gold bars to be smuggled into Karnataka.

993-gram gold sold in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 12- K. Shamjad, the contractor hailing from Kerala, who reportedly fell victim to a robbery losing Rs. 50 lakh, is now under scrutiny as it has emerged that he actually sold 993 grams of gold (7 grams short of one kilogram) to a jewellery store situated on Ashoka Road.

According to reliable sources, the transaction for the gold took place at a value of Rs. 62 lakh. However, Shamjad informed the Police that he had Rs. 50 lakh in his possession at the time of the robbery perpetrated by a gang. Intriguingly, the owner of the jewellery store, in his statement to the Kodagu Police, also confirmed the purchase of the gold from Shamjad at the said price of Rs. 62 lakh.

The Kodagu Police, in their investigation, are now exploring the possibility of tax evasion in connection to this transaction. In light of this, the jeweller has been instructed to reclaim the gold through due legal processes in Court of law.

Burglars make away with gold, cash from KSRTC officer's house

Mysuru, Dec. 12- Burglars, who broke into a woman KSRTC officer's house, have made away with gold ornaments, silver articles, cash and household items in city. The burglary took place at the house of 39-year-old N. Pushpalatha, a Junior Assistant at KSRTC and residing in DTS Rao Nagar at Sathagalli.

Pushpalatha, on Dec. 7 morning had gone to her mother's house at S.S. Nagar and returned on Dec. 9 morning to find the gate lock broken. She found the burglars had broke opened the door on the first floor and had made away with 210 grams gold ornaments, 1 kg silver articles, Rs. 7,000 cash, one LED TV, two watches and two mobile phones, all worth Rs. 11.57 lakh.

Mysuru Rural Police have registered a case.

MyBuild Expo draws to a close

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (MK&DM)- The five-day 'MyBuild-2023' exhibition, organised by the Mysore Centre of Builders Association of India (BAI) at Maharaja's College Grounds drew to a close yesterday. The expo, which showcased building materials, modern interior design and latest construction methods, was a grand success with thousands of people visiting it over the five days (Dec. 7 to 11).

Delivering the valedictory address, BAI National Vice-President N.S. Muralidhar said that the MyBuild Expo, which began on a small scale 23 years ago, with the first expo held at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in the city, has now grown big with the expo moving to the sprawling Maharaja's College Grounds. The BAI has been working for fulfilling the wishes of everyone to have a dream house, he added.

The banner of 'MyBuild-2024' Exhibition was released on the occasion. On the concluding day yesterday, prizes were distributed to the best stalls in each category. The winners are as follows:

Platinum Block — Multi-Stall Section: 1st prize - PRO FX Tech Private Limited; 2nd - Aspire UPVC Windows; 3rd - RKB Build Pro; **Double Stall:** 1st - Events-Havells - Mangaldeep Electricals and Lights; 2nd - Zenith Constructions; 3rd - Online Squares; **Single Stall:** 1st - Ahmed Ali and Co. (Pvt.) Ltd. since 1916; 2nd - I Build Interior; 3rd - E3 Wood.

Diamond Block — Double Stall: 1st - Tofwood & Advis; 2nd - Polywood Profiles Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore; **Single Stall:** 1st - EnviroSoch; 2nd - Home Cinema.

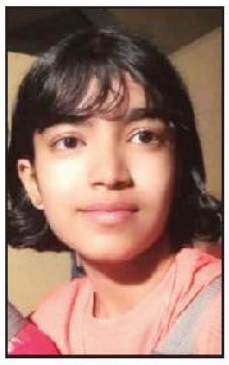
Naksha Builders won 'Creative Stall' prize.

Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) Managing Trustee N.P. Vishwanath, Engineer N.K. Mahesh, BAI Mysore Chairman Nagaraj V. Bairy, Hon. Secretary: K.S. Balaji, MyBuild-23 Chairman M.D. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary R. Ramesh Rao and others were present.

Purvika Raj is 'Voice of MyBuild-23'

As part of MyBuild-23 exhibition, 'Voice of MyBuild-2023' singing competition was organised for High School students.

A total of 30 students had taken part in the auditions held at MBCT auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar on Dec. 2. Out of which, 13 were selected for the semifinals. Out of the 13 semifinalists, eight qualified for the finals. They are Aadarsh, Jagath Tej, Lahari, Purvika K. Raj, D.M. Rachana, Sumith M. Surya, Siri Shetty and Shravya. The semi-finals and finals were held at exhibition venue on Dec. 8 and 10 respectively.



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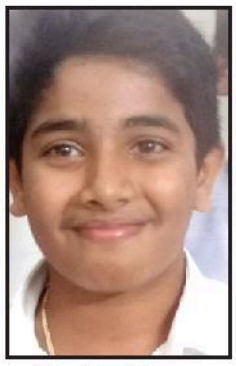


Sumith M. Surya

'Voice of MyBuild-23' winner Purvika Raj receiving the prize from 'Miss Karnataka-23' Tanishka Murthy.

In the finals, Purvika K. Raj, a 10th standard student of Excel Public School, emerged as the 'Voice of MyBuild-23.' She is the daughter K.R. Natraj and S. Shruthi. Lahari, a 9th standard student of DAV Public School, won second prize while Sumith M. Surya, an 8th standard student of Adarsha School, got 3rd prize.

Female foeticide: Blame system, wrong to hold men only responsible

Addl. SP Dr. B.N. Nandini shares views on cases pertaining to women; lure for shopping online

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (SPN&BS)- Dr. B.N. Nandini, Additional Superintendent of Police, rued over women increasingly becoming vulnerable to cyber crime and chain-snatching, depriving the joy of women being treated equally in all the fields nowadays.

She was speaking during the 30th anniversary of Prajna Mahila Samaja, organised at JSS Law College in Kuvempunagar here on Saturday.

"Women can boast of equality and freedom of expression in all the fields like politics, academics, industries and also Government sector, but the lure of shopping online on mobile phone and showy way of displaying valuables have made them the victims of cyber crime and chain snatching respectively," she added.

Unlike the condition the women were in 75 years ago, there has been a vast improvement in the condition of women in 21st century. There was a time when women had to fight for their right to vote, as is recorded in the annals of history about how women in London had to launch a movement on these lines, recalled the Addl. SP.

Referring to the recent female foeticide racket that is widely being discussed in media from the past 15 days holding men mainly responsible for the same, Dr. Nandini said: "It is wrong to discuss blaming men only, as it is better to hold the system accountable in the case. Women, men, dignitaries and also the elites are involved in this case."

The practice of child marriage is still prevalent in rural and urban areas, which is indeed a matter for concern even though a law was introduced abolishing child marriage way back in the year 1961 itself. In this year alone, 65 child marriage cases have been registered and two were booked a fortnight ago. The Police encounter challenging moments as they have to deal with emotions, social and economical conditions of the victims, while handling such cases, said Dr. Nandini, who recalled an incident.

Despite a law that prohibits child marriage, the impoverished parents prefer to marry off their daughters surreptitiously, even before they turn 14 or 16 years of age, only to finish their responsibilities. What would be the future of those girl children if the Police arrest such parents for the offence? If the bread-winner of the family itself is jailed, how can the family sustain? Police face all these questions, while handing those cases, said Dr. Nandini.

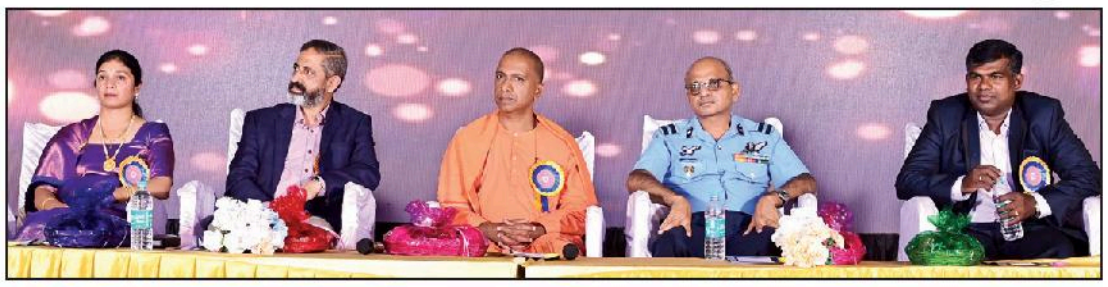
Of late, the Government itself is providing several facilities for the uplift of women. Moreover, special emphasis is being laid on providing free education and financial assistance by extending the facility of reservation in employment and political sustainability. With girl children being educated, the incidences of dowry harassment and atrocity have also declined, but we can't remain ignorant, which may prove dangerous.

She narrated an incident where the girl children take the extreme step of killing self, when there is no way out to escape from the agony in life, with no sources of income for a living.

Dr. Nandini wished Prajna Mahila Samaja, which has completed 30 years, to continue to work for the cause of women empowerment. "In case of any distress, the women can dial Police Control Room (PCR) vehicle 112 for help or contact me over phone," said Dr. Nandini.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Prof. D.S. Guru, DoS in Computer Science, University of Mysore, Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Shyla Nagara, President of Prajna Mahila Samaja, Neelambika Devi Nagaraj, Vice-President, Sujatha Satish, Secretary, Bhramarambha Swamy, Treasurer and Vasantha Mahendra, Joint Secretary, were present.

Rainbow Public School celebrates annual day



Air Commodore Lalit Kumar Jain (second from right), President of 2 Air Force Selection Board (AFSB), Mysuru, who was the chief guest at Rainbow Public School Annual Day, seen with School CEO Sujani Cariappa, Chairman C.A. Cariappa, RIMSE Coordinator Swami Mahamedhananda and Principal Antony.

Rainbow Public School students performing a colourful dance.

Mysuru, Dec. 12- "Students need to practice extra-curricular activities and bring out their hidden talents. Striving for high marks in academics is necessary, but it must not be the only one aim of students," said Air Commodore Lalit Kumar Jain, President of 2 Air Force Selection Board (AFSB), Mysuru, who was the chief guest at the Annual Day celebration of Rainbow Public School in city recently.

Swami Mahamedhananda, Coordinator of RIMSE, Mysuru, called upon the students to cultivate values and contribute good to the society.

The theme of the Annual Day was 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' taken from the G20 Summit. Various colourful events were performed by all students of Rainbow School.

C.A. Cariappa, Chairman, Sujani Cariappa, CEO and Antony, Principal, were present.

Swimming: Mysuru boy selected for South Zone Nationals

Mysuru, Dec. 12- Mohammed Arman Sameer has secured 2 silver medals each in 50m and 100m breaststroke (group 3) of XXII State Short Course Swimming Championship conducted by Karnataka Swimming Association in Udupi from Dec. 7 to 10.

With this win, he is qualified for South Zone Nationals to be held in Bengaluru from Dec. 27.

From Mysuru, he is the only one to get medals and get qualified for Nationals.

He is practising in BSRC pool, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Mysuru, under coach V. Pranav. A Class 5 student of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, he is the son of M.N. Sameer Ahmad and Misbah Amreen, residents of Udayagiri.

Medal-winning swimmer Mohammed Arman Sameer seen with his coach V. Pranav.

Vijaya Vittala PU Students Excel

Mysuru, Dec. 12- The Department of School Education (Pre-University), Mysuru Division, in association with Vishwamanava Composite PU College, Mandya, had organised Mysuru Divisional-Level Cultural competitions recently. Second PUC students of Vijaya Vittala PU College A.S. Prarthana got 2nd prize in English Debate and Ritcha Thomas has won third prize in English Essay. They are qualified to take part in the State Level Cultural Contests to be held by the end of December.

A.S. Prarthana *Ritcha Thomas*

Take part in extra-curricular activities: Film lyricist Dr. Nagendra Prasad

Mysuru, Dec. 12 (PM&BS)- Kannada film lyricist Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad gave a call to students to involve themselves in extra-curricular activities too, apart from studies, to show their talent in cultural and sports related activities. He was speaking during the annual day celebrations of Rotary West School, Saraswathipuram, organised at Kalamandira in city recently.

"Nowadays, even cultural and sports related activities are being encouraged along with academics. Both schools and parents are encouraging their children to take part in extra-curricular activities, which is a sign of good development. By excelling in academics, one can occupy top positions, but one can build a niche career on their own through their talent too. There are many such examples including myself," said Dr. Prasad.

Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad

Recalling his tryst with penning poetry, Dr. Prasad said "During my school and college days, I used to busy myself writing poetry, which came to the notice of a teacher who advised me to focus on studies while at school and devote my time to pursue my passion during the break. Another teacher prodded to send the poetry to newspapers to publish them. All these helped me pursue my passion for literature and also eke out a living."

Students presented various cultural programmes. BEO (South) C.N. Raju, President of Rotary West Dr. B. Chandra, Secretary Dr. S.A. Mohankrishna, School Principal K.S. Poornima and others were present.

Rotary West School students presenting a dance feature to the song 'Sojugada Sooju Mallige Maadeva Nimma Mande Myale Dundu Mallige...'

MYSORE RACES 2023

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'ZARQAWI' well-tuned

Mysuru, Dec. 12- Following are the selections for the 3rd day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Dec. 13, 2023:

1.	2.00 PM	**THE PATTADAKAL PLATE - DIV. II**
		1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. CALIFORNIA GOLD 2. FLEET TACTICAL
2.	2.30 PM	**THE PATTADAKAL PLATE - DIV. I**
		1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25
		1. CODE OF HONOUR 2. NATURAL SPEED
3.	3.00 PM	**THE FAME AND GLORY PLATE**
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. WINDY CITY 2. CRIMSON FIRE
4.	3.30 PM	**THE SAHYADRI PLATE**
		1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45
		1. JANEIRO 2. AGAINST ALL ODDS
5.	4.00 PM	**THE D.V. VISHWANATH MEMORIAL TROPHY**
		1100 mts. - 2 years (TERMS)
		1. ZARQAWI 2. RARE SILK
6.	4.30 PM	**THE BANDIPUR PLATE**
		1600 mts. - rated 60 and above
		1. KUSHAQ 2. VIVA LA VIDA
7.	5.00 PM	**THE SANGAM PLATE**
		1100 mts. - rated 40 to 65
		1. FURIOUS FUN 2. SHEEBA

DAY'S BEST: *KUSHAQ*

DOUBLE: *1. CODE OF HONOUR 2. JANEIRO*

JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*

I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*

EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

WORD OF THE DAY

Kinetic

Pronunciation: kuh-NET-ik.
Meaning: Kinetic has several meanings that all have to do with movement. In physics, kinetic means "of or relating to motion of material bodies & forces associated with them"; kinetic energy, for example, is energy associated with motion. More generally, kinetic can be used synonymously with active and lively as well as dynamic and energizing. And kinetic art is art (such as sculpture or assemblage) that has mechanical parts which can be set in motion.
Origin: Ever watched a top spin? Or seen one pool ball collide with another and send it across the felt? When you do, you're witnessing kinetic energy—the energy of something in motion. Kinetics is a branch of science that deals with the effects of forces upon the motions of material bodies, and something described as kinetic has to do with the motion of material bodies and the forces associated with them. Both words were adopted in the 19th century from the Greek word kinētikos (meaning "of motion") for use in the field of physics, but the adjective kinetic proved too apt for broader application, and by the 1930s it was being used to describe people and things full of literal and figurative energy as well.

THE ODD WORD

Keckle

To protect by binding with rope.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Keep an eye on

Meaning: When you say you're going to 'Keep an eye on' something you mean you are going to watch it closely.
Origin: The exact origin of the expression 'Keep an eye on' isn't known, but people have been monitoring things and watching out for one another since the beginning of time, so various iterations of the phrase are found throughout history.
Example: "Please keep an eye on the baby."

QUOTE BOX

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. **— Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Strawberry shortcake.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Food for cattle
4 Printing measures
7 Ancient Roman household deity
10 Music director Malik
11 Urban area
13 Supply abundantly
14 Small treatise
16 Troubles or sicknesses
17 More prepared
19 Reasonable expectation of a tenant (4,4)
21 Raised edge or border
24 Used needle and thread?
25 Falls on the US-Canadian border
27 A former expression of dismay or loss
29 Rescued or safeguarded
30 Not domestic
33 "Erne" anagram for a French man
34 Conclude
35 Famous Swiss city
38 Ally or yoke-mate
39 Asian language
42 Acted as a companion to, in a way?
46 Cold-shoulder
47 A Continental person of Slavonic origins?
48 Old French coin
49 Dilip Kumar and Nadira's love story of 1952
50 Soc. of Automotive Engineers
51 Major ref. work

DOWN
1 Comforter or quilt
2 Snippets of information
3 Delicious
4 Anaesthetic
5 Back tooth
6 Stockholm is its capital
7 52 in Roman numerals
8 Entirely or completely
9 "Treasure Island" monogram
12 Former South African paceman Makhaya ___
13 Distant
15 Royal person
18 Greek letters-"seat" changed?
19 He has committed a grave crime
20 Verdict
21 Black bird
22 Goddess of peace
23 Created
24 Secure
26 Store grain
28 Prefix for one thousand
31 The Olympic ___ : sports event held every leap year ?
32 Tends or takes care of
36 Certain bones - "a scar" anagram?
37 Unburnt sun-dried brick
38 Young bear
39 Superpower nation
40 Genetic letters
41 Brownish gray
43 Tech. Std. Order
44 Equal opportunity employer abbr
45 A damp squib ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

V	A	N			A	P	O		D	E	E	M
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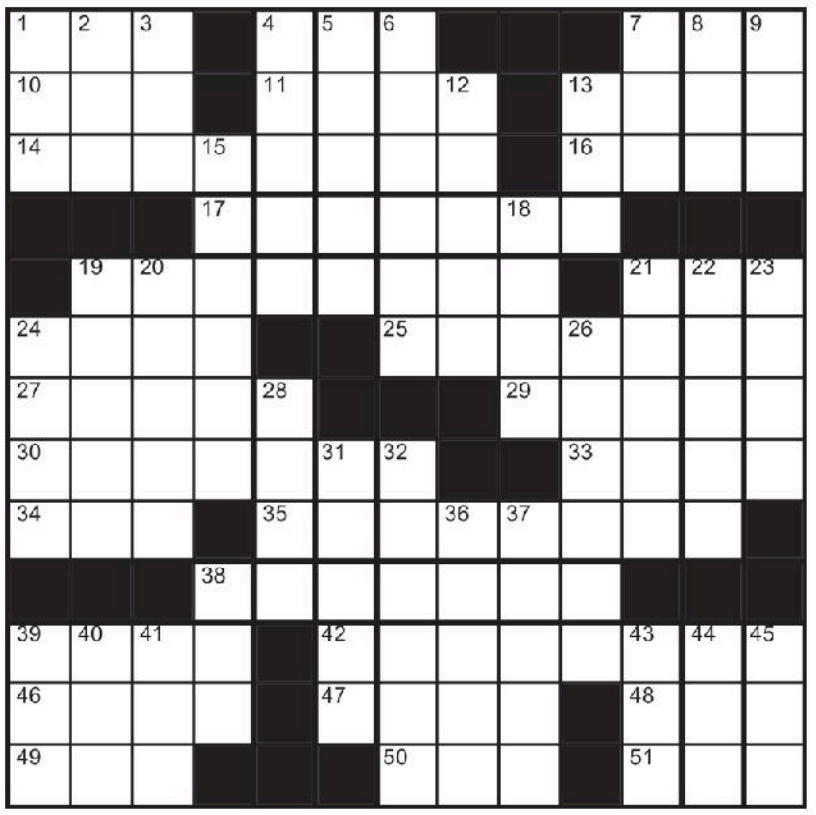

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	6	3		7				8
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2				1		4	7	
					4		9	
6			8			1		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	1	3	4	6	5	9	8	2
8	4	5	9	2	7	1	3	6
6	9	2	3	8	1	7	4	5
9	7	4	2	1	6	8	5	3
3	5	1	8	4	9	6	2	7
2	6	8	7	5	3	4	9	1
5	3	9	6	7	4	2	1	8
4	8	6	1	3	2	5	7	9
1	2	7	5	9	8	3	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CDU CIHA WM VAVDEF MD JPIJ NA VYCPJ

PIHA EDMAM YT UAXAVGAE

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: All wish to possess knowledge, but few, comparatively speaking, are willing to pay the price.

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		6.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Sapta Sagardaache Ello - B (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Athi I Love You (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 10.10 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Politics Kalyana (K)	(S-3)	11.05 am
Marichi (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Conjuring Kannappan (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Wonka (E)	(S-3)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 1.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 7.00 pm

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		5.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 6.55 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 9.25 pm
Marichi (K)	:	4.00 pm
Conjuring Kannappan (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 9.30 pm

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Animal (H)	:	9.15 am, 10.15 am, 10.50 am
		1.20 pm, 2.20 pm, 5.25 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	9.15 am, 12.30 pm, 3.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Wonka (E)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.05 am
Kaiva (K)	:	12.10 pm
Conjuring Kannappan (Ta)	:	2.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	3.10 pm
Marichi (K)	:	6.25 pm
A Ranjith Cinema (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

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		2.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 6.10 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Wonka (E)	:	10.30 am, 7.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	11.25 am, 6.45 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	2.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	4.25 pm

Two-day PGL Memorial Programme at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha

Mysuru, Dec. 12- A two-day *Ganakala Bhushana* **P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL)** Memorial Programme has been organised at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, on Dec. 13 and 14, under the aegis of PGL Samsmarana Vedike.

Vid. Keshav Chandra & Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar

Vid. Vighnaraja

Dec. 13 - 6 pm

Flute Duet by **Vidwan Dr. C.A. Sridhar** and his son and disciple **Vidwan Keshav Chandra.** They will be accompanied by Vidwan Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vidwan C.A. Raghunandan Rao on ghata.

Dec. 14 - 6 pm

Felicitation to mridanga scholar Vidwan C. Cheluvaraju. Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary KSN Prasad will preside. Vidwan H.K. Narasimhamurthy will be the chief guest; **6.30 pm:** Vocal concert by **Vidwan *Ganakala Shri* Sampagodu Vighnaraja.** He will be accompanied by Vidushi Sindhu Suchethan on violin, Vidwan C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vidwan Sharath Koushik on ghata.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 12)

- **Fashionavya:** Exhibition, Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 13)

- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research And Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Major General (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere delivers a lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Social Responsibilities,' Dr. H.S. Chandramouli, Chairman, DoS in Social Work, Manasagangothri, presides, DoS in Social Work premises, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Fashionavya:** Exhibition, Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Ascendance:** Watercolour solo exhibition by R. Chethan, Sree Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijajanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Divyanga Sabalikarana Samiti & IQAC Unit, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College:** Guruvandana Programme and International Day of Disabled Persons celebrations, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar V.R. Shylaja inaugurates, Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College Principal Prof. Somanna presides, Maharani's Commerce College auditorium, **11 am.**

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Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Wonka (E)	(S-3)	7.35 pm; (S-4) 1.25 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Extra (Ordinary Man) (Te)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 7.00 pm

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Wonka (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.35 pm
Extra Ordinary Man (Te)	:	10.25 am, 3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Marichi (K)	:	1.45 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	7.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	10.10 pm

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To chair Coastal Bharatanatyam Artistes Meet

Prof. Rao

Mysuru, Dec. 12- 'Natyacharya' Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao of Nooppura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, has been unanimously selected as the Chairman of 'Nrityotkarsha 2023' - Karavali Bharatanatya Kalavidara Nritya Sammelana (Coastal Bharatanatyam Artistes Dance Conference) to be held at Sri Janardhana Mahakali Temple in Ambalpady, Udupi, on Dec. 24 and 25.

A native of Udupi, Prof. Rao has contributed to the field of dance as an artiste, dance guru, director, art critic, writer, organiser and has also served in Exam Board, Textbook Committee, Sangeetha Nritya Academy and others. Prof. Rao, who has the credit of editing books related to art, has also authored books useful to the field of dance.

He has served as Professor of Commerce and retired as the Principal. A recipient of various awards, he is currently active in the field of dance, literature and social work.

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